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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Fair market competition is imperative to having success in any field - both for companies and, more importantly, the consumer.

We live in a digital world and I'm appalled that there would be any consideration to allow a couple of mega-corporations to end up dictating prices for internet service and the speed and bandwidth of delivery. Frankly, I thought that the Sherman Anti-trust act had set out to stop monopolies. I'm pretty sure that is why telephone companies were broken up in the 1980s. And we are far better off that they were. It opened the door to competition and invention.

As someone that lives in a rural area, I waited patiently as we moved toward getting fiber. To think that you would consider anything that might allow a few companies to restrict the use of internet and telephone services because of their desire for profits should be completely unacceptable to everyone.

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